

Amendments to the Claims:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of the claims in the application

Claim 1 (currently amended) ~~The use of osmolytes as well as their equally effective derivatives and/or pharmacologically compatible salts thereof for the combating~~ A method of treatment of diseases caused by the effects of suspended particulate on ~~the tissue of the lungs~~ lung tissue and/or the cardiovascular diseases ~~that are related with them~~ thereto comprising administering an effective amount of at least one osmolyte selected from ectoine, hydroxyectoine or an pharmacologically compatible salt thereof to a patient.

Claim 2 (currently amended) ~~The use of osmolytes as well as their equally effective derivatives and/or pharmacologically compatible salts thereof~~ A method for the production of inhalable pharmaceutical preparations aimed at combating of diseases caused by the effects of suspended particulate ~~on the lungs~~ lung tissue and/or the cardiovascular diseases ~~that are related with them~~ thereto comprising using an effective amount of at least one osmolyte selected from ectoine, hydroxyectoine or an pharmacologically compatible salt thereof.

Claims 3 – 4 (canceled)

Claim 5 (currently amended) ~~Use~~ A method according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 4~~ claim 1 or 2, characterized in that further active agents are added to the preparation.

Claim 6 (currently amended) ~~An inhalation device filled with active agent, the atomizable solid or liquid contents of which consisting of an active agent composition~~ for combating diseases caused by effects of suspended particulate on lung tissue and/or cardiovascular diseases related thereto. said device comprising at least one osmolyte or its derivatives and/or selected from ectoine, hydroxyectoine or a

pharmacologically acceptable salts compatible salt thereof as active agent in form of an atomizable solid or liquid.

Claim 7 - 8 (canceled)

Claim 9 (currently amended) Inhalation device according to ~~claims 6 to 8~~ claim 6 in the form of a filled inhaler for liquid pharmaceutical preparations.

Claim 10 (currently amended) Inhalation device according ~~claims 6 to 8~~ claim 6 in the form of a filled powder inhaler.